

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Wangh, Lawrence J.

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/226,766

EXAMINER: Crouch, Deborah

FILING DATE: January 6, 1999

ART UNIT: 1632

FOR: PRENATAL SCREENING

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the April 3, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 3, 2003. A check in the amount of \$475.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21578-010. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



Ingrid A. Beattie, Reg. No. 42,306
Attorney for Applicants
c/o MINTZ, LEVIN
One Financial Center
Boston, Massachusetts 02111
Tel: (617) 542-6000
Fax: (617) 542-2241

Dated: October 3, 2003

TRA 1838879v1